

COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR/GUATEMALA

SUBJECT: 1. POSITION OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP) ABOUT THE CULPABILITY FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF OSCAR ARNULFO

ROMERO GALDAMEZ (DOI: 27 MARCH 1980).

2. PLANS OF ERP TO ORDER THE ASSASSINATION OF ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SALVADORAN EXTREME RIGHT (DOI: 27 MARCH 1980).

1. ON THE EVENING OF 24 MARCH 1980, MIDDLE-LEVEL MEMBER OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP)

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ADVISED AN ERP UNIT BASED IN SAN SALVADOR
THAT THE ERP PLANNED TO BOMB SEVERAL BANKS LOCATED
THROUGHOUT EL SALVADOR IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF 25 MARCH
1980.
THE ERP BELIEVED THAT THESE
BANKS HAD PROVIDED THE FUNDS WHICH WERE PAID TO THE ASSASSIN
OF OSCAR ARNULFO R O M E R O GALDAMEZ, THE EX-ARCHBISHOP OF
SAN SALVADOR.

THE ERP HAD ALREADY BEGUN ITS
FULL INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY ROMERO'S ASSASSIN.

SAID THAT THE ASSASSINATION WAS NOT ORDERED BY THE
REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNING JUNTA (JRG). RATHER,

THE ERP BELIEVED THAT ROMERO HAD BEEN EXECUTED
ON ORDERS FROM THE SALVADORAN EXTREME RIGHT.

ADDED THAT THE ERP BELIEVED THAT ROBERTO D'A U B U I S S O N WAS
INVOLVED IN ROMERO'S ASSASSINATION, AND THAT AS A RESULT,
THE ERP HAD REQUESTED THAT THE GUATEMALAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PGT)
ASSASSINATE D'AUBBUISON WHO NOW RESIDES IN GUATEMALA.

COMMENT: IN A 26 MARCH 1980 COMMUNIQUE DELIVERED TO
LOCAL RADIO STATIONS, THE ERP CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE

DETONATION OF FORTY BOMBS THROUGHOUT EL SALVADOR. MANY OF THESE BOMBS WERE DIRECTED AGAINST BANKS.)

